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SUBJ: PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS AND MILITARY AID CUTOFF

1. IN A SIGNIFICANT PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CYPRUS AND U.S. MILITARY AID CUTOFF, HIGHLY RESPECTED ELDER STATESMAN NIHAZ ERIM (FORMER PRIME MINISTER, NOW A SENATOR) MADE SPEECH IN SENATE DECEMBER 17 TO WHICH SECRETARY OF STATE VICKI ONIZUKA REPLIED.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MOST SIGNIFICANT POINTS MADE BY SENATOR ERIM:

A. "... DR. KISSINGER IS OPENLY OPPOSING HIS COUNTRY'S LEGISLATIVE ORGAN'S DECISION TO CUT OFF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE HAS SHOWN ONCE AGAIN BY THIS BEHAVIOR THAT HE IS A MAN OF COMMON SENSE AND SOUND CALCULATIONS. LET US EXPECT THAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WILL ALSO COME

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TO THE SAME POINT WITHOUT CAUSING TURKEY TO SEEK HER OWN SECURITY

IN OTHER WAYS, BECUASE THE OPPOSITE OF THIS WOULD BE A DISASTER."

B. "EVEN IF WE FACE THE THREAT OF ALL FOREIGN AID BEING CUT OFF, WE MUST NOT GO BACK ONE INCH ON OUR THESIS OF AN AUTONOMOUS TURKISH REGION ON A GEOPGRAPHIC BASIS."

C. "TURKEY HAS NOT CONTEMPLATED" WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO, "BUT IF THE MATTER TURNS INTO ONE OF PRESTIGE FOR TURKEY, ANYTHING COULD BE EXPECTED."

D. "IF THE GREEKS PERSIST IN STANDING UP AGAINST THE TURKS BEHIND MAKARIOS, THE TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ANNOUNCE ITS INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY IN THE REGION CONTROLLED BY IT."

E. ERIM, STATING HE WANTED TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE IRMAK GOVERNMENT TO CERTAIN POINTS, RAISED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

"DO THE SOVIETS INSIST ON OPPOSING FEDERATION BASED ON GEOGRAPHY? WILL MOSCOW SUPPORT HIM IF WE CLASH WITH MAKARIOS ON THIS TOPIC? DID PRESIDENT FORD AND SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV DRAW UP A COMMON PATH ON CYPURS AT VLADIVOSTOK? ... WHAT WILL BE OUR POLICY IF THE USA AND USSR JOINTLY OPPOSE US AND TRY TO PULL US TO A CERTAIN SOLUTION? WHAT SHALL WE DO IF OUR NATO ALLIES JOINTLY TRY TO DRAG US TO SOLUTION? ... WHAT KIND OF NEGATIVE RESULTS MAY THIS NEW DECISION (SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CYPRUS) BRING TO US? WHAT WILL OUR MEASURES BE?"

3. FONMIN ESENBEL, IN HIS REPLY, STRESSED THAT THERE WAS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOT'S CYPRUS POLICY AND AMERICAN AID. THE IRMAK GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, WAS FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM DRAWN UP PREVIOUSLY AND THAT "NO DECISION TAKEN BY THE AMERICAN CONGRESS CAN HAVE ANY EFFECT ON OUR DETERMINATION ON THIS MATTER. BESIDES, I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN AID WILL NOT BE CUT OFF.." HOWEVER, HE STATED, IF AID WERE CUT OFF, TURKEY WOULD REVIEW HER COMMITMENTS.

4. ESENBEL ALSO NOTED THAT MAKARIOS' RETURN TO CYPRUS WOULD NOT AFFECT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. "THE TURKISH COMMUNITY IS UNCLASSIFIED

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DETERMINED NOT TO START THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNLESS AN AUTHORIZED AND RELIABLE PERSON APPEARS BEFORE THEM," HE SAID.
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